

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION -- DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 21, 2006**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION COMMITTING CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) GRANT FUNDS TO THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH (CITY) FOR THE ALTA VISTA PARK DIVERSION AND RE-USE PROJECT (PROJECT); CBI GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 308

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the authority established in the CBI Program of Public Resources Code Section 30915 by the Watershed, Clean Beaches and Water Quality Act (Act, AB 2534, Chapter 727, Statutes of 2002), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) administers \$43.7 million in grants to local agencies and nonprofit organizations from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 to implement projects, up to \$5 million per project, that restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters. In addition to meeting the objective of the Act, all projects receiving grants from the CBI Program are required to meet the following criteria:

- (a) projects shall be consistent with California's nonpoint source control program;
- (b) projects shall demonstrate the capability of contributing to sustained, long-term water quality or environmental restoration or protection benefits for a period of 20 years;
- (c) projects shall address the causes of degradation, rather than the symptoms;
- (d) projects shall be consistent with water quality and resource protection plans prepared implemented, or adopted by the State Water Board, the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC);
- (e) projects shall be reviewed by the State Water Board in consultation with the SCC and the Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) appointed by the State Water Board to review projects and make recommendations for grant funding;
- (f) applicants shall inform the State Water Board of any necessary public agency approvals, entitlements, and permits that may be necessary to implement the Project, and applicants shall certify to the State Water Board at the appropriate time that such approvals, entitlements, and permits have been granted;
- (g) projects shall be consistent with recovery plans for coho salmon, steelhead trout, or other threatened or endangered aquatic species, and seek to implement activities in the plans where plans exist;
- (h) applicants shall be required to submit to the State Water Board a monitoring and reporting plan;
- (i) upon completion of the project, the recipient of the funds shall submit a report to the State Water Board that summarizes the completed activities and indicates whether the purpose of the project has been met;
- (j) the State Water Board must provide opportunity for public review and comment in awarding the funds; and
- (k) grant funds can only be used for the costs of construction or acquisition of capital assets as specified in Section 16727 of the Government Code.

For ease of implementation, the State Water Board divided the funding solicitation into two phases. Phase One funds have all been awarded. In the second funding phase, the CBTF recommended, and the State Water Board adopted, a Competitive Location List (CLL) on April 21, 2005 (Resolution No. 2005-0028). The CLL was designed to target specific beaches that are known to have persistent bacterial water quality problems such as a beach that is frequently or permanently posted with signs warning beachgoers of the risks associated with exposure to beach waters. To date, the CBTF has recommended \$17.4 million of the \$22.2 million available for Phase Two projects. The recipients are in

the process of completing environmental review, and will receive funding commitments upon environmental approval.

The Project will be located in a City owned park property called Alta Vista Park. The park occupies 16.1 acres within the Project watershed. Within the park there is 13.1 acres of irrigated turf. The Project will include the diversion of both dry and wet weather runoff through a treatment train to remove pollutants. The treated water will then be stored in a cistern and commingled with domestic water for irrigation of park turf areas. Surplus dry weather runoff not used for irrigation during the winter will be diverted to a dry well percolation system for infiltration.

The CBTF, at its October 12, 2005, meeting, recommended funding for the City's Project in an amount not to exceed \$788,400. The City adopted a Resolution designating an authorized representative for the Project on March 7, 2006.

The City adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2006031069) prepared for the Project, which has been reviewed and considered. The City determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts. State Water Board staff reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and finds that the document provides an adequate disclosure of the environmental relationships of all aspects of the Project. Adequate public participation was provided through the California Environmental Quality Act process through a public comment period.

FISCAL IMPACT

The *Watershed, Clean Beaches, and Water Quality Act* (Public Resources Code, §30901) appropriated \$46 million to the State Water Board for the CBI Program. After administration costs, \$43.7 million was available for grants up to \$5 million per project to restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters. This project will be funded by the CBI Program, and will have the following fiscal impact.

Proposition 40 Funding	\$43,700,000
Total Previous Commitments	\$22,361,000
Funds Available for Current Commitments	\$21,339,000

State Water Board Funding Commitment for July 2006:

Alta Vista Park Diversion & Re-use Project, CBI Grant #308	\$788,400
Funds Remaining for Future Commitments	\$20,550,600

REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

The Los Angeles Regional Water Board has reviewed the Project and determined that it is consistent with existing water quality control plans.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board approve CBI grant funding for the City's Project?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board approve a CBI grant commitment of \$788,400 for the City's Project.

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 -**

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WHEREAS:

1. The *Watershed, Clean Beaches, and Water Quality Act (Act)* (Public Resources Code §30901) was signed into law on September 20, 2002. The Act appropriated \$46 million from Proposition 40 for additional CBI grants to help public agencies and non-profit organizations implement projects that protect and restore California's coastal water;
2. The CBI funds appropriated in the Act are available for encumbrance up to December 31, 2006;
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), on April 21, 2005, adopted the CBI Competitive Location List which included Redondo Beach at the Pier;
4. The Clean Beaches Task Force reviewed the City's Project, and recommended it for funding at the October 12, 2005, meeting; and
5. The City has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, which has been reviewed and considered, and State Water Board staff has determined that the document provides an adequate disclosure of the environmental relationships of all aspects of the project, and will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board approves a grant for the City's Project not to exceed \$788,400 from the *Watershed, Clean Beaches, and Water Quality Act*.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on June 21, 2006.

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Clerk of the Board